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McCarthy's Speech

Although Senator McCarthy's speech Monday night was loudly trumpeted in advance as a "smear" on Candidate Adlai Stevenson it turned out to be nothing of the kind, unless the apparently well documented allegations McCarthy made were false.

McCarthy did not claim that Stevenson was a Communist, that he was disloyal, dishonest or anything of the like. What he did claim and produced evidence to prove were the following:

That Stevenson was a charter member of the radical Americans for Democratic Action, that three of his closest associates in the campaign are A.D.A. men of extreme radical views.

That Stevenson was given the task in 1943 while in the State Dept. of framing a post-war policy for Italy, which Gen. Walter Bedell Smith later said attempted to bring Communists into the government of Italy. Gen. Smith is a highly regarded individual.

That Stevenson was on the policy forming committee of the World Citizens Assn. which advocated world government which would supersede America's own constitution and laws.

That Stevenson was a member of the Institute for Pacific Relations which played such a part in framing the U.S. policies in the Far East that facilitated Russian conquest of China.

That Stevenson was closer to Alger Hiss than the public has realized, though there is no suspicion that he was in any way involved in Hiss' treasonable activities. McCarthy conceded that the Stevenson deposition for Hiss would not be too important in itself, but contended it was one of a chain of events.

The McCarthy claims are either true or false. If true they raise a very serious question in the minds of most Americans as to whether Stevenson is the man who should be our next president. If false they can be readily refuted and McCarthy gave his opposition a full week to do this before the close of the campaign.

It will not satisfy the public for Stevenson and his supporters to scream "smear." The truth is not a smear. Falsification is. If the facts contradict McCarthy let's have them. If they don't McCarthy has furnished ample evidence why Stevenson should not be president.